

THE MOHAVE MINER.

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The number drowned in the Johnstown disaster is estimated at 3,500. The estimate is considered a close one.

Is one of the counties of Georgia, it is said, there is a town of 1,000 inhabitants, of whom less than a score are subscribers to any newspaper.

The Clinton Clarion was sold last week at sheriff's sale, and another Arizona newspaper has gone to be numbered with the score or more that have been buried in the "journalist's bone yard," within the past two years. As we have said before, the newspapers of Arizona are not paying investments.

The San Pedro Outlook, Vol. 1, No. 1, has been received at this office. It is a six-column folio and devoted to the interest of that camp. It is edited by A. J. Hughes, an old newspaper man, and versatile writer. Andy, the Miner wishes you success in your new venture, and the Outlook will be a welcome exchange.

The politicians of the Territory have succeeded in preventing the holding of a constitutional convention this year. The firmest of objections have been made against the holding of the convention. The agitation will have the effect of setting the people to thinking, and when the question comes up again, which it will within the next two years, the people will take an active part in the discussion of the subject.

The sixth annual exhibition of the Arizona Industrial Association takes place at Phoenix on October 10th, to 19th, inclusive. From indications it will be the best fair ever held in Arizona. It would be a good idea for the miners of Mohave county to send an exhibit of ores to the fair, as no such exhibit has ever been made there, and it would be a surprise to our neighbors to show them our wonderfully rich ores.

Elections were held in the four new states, Washington, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. The Democrats carried Montana and the Republicans were successful in the other three states. In Washington women's suffrage and prohibition were buried. In Montana the Australian system of balloting was used and pronounced a success by both parties. The two Dakotas voted on prohibition and it is believed that South Dakota it was successful.

A few days ago Secretary Proctor wrote to Governor Fille, of North Carolina, in regard to the proposed removal of Geronimo and band to the western part of that state, and the Governor has replied that such settlement would create great dissatisfaction, as the land would have to be purchased from the Cherokees. Governor Fille suggested that the Indians be colonized in Vermont, a portion of that state being abandoned by the white people, and says that no happier spot could be chosen for this purpose.

In the discussion of the statehood question the newspapers opposed to Arizona taking any action towards becoming a state, held up a statement that Nevada was bankrupt and that the people of that state were being ground to pieces under the expense of state government. The following in regard to the condition of affairs in Nevada is taken from the Picoche Record, one of the leading newspapers of that state: "As a result of the growth of disgruntled politicians, through democratic newspapers which are published in this state, the eastern press is again taking up the old lie about Nevada's incapacity for the support of a state government. With a per cent state bonds at par, a million dollar school fund, a gradually increasing tax roll, and an expense of government proportionately less than many other states, notwithstanding our small numbers, Nevada can afford to let the pack howl on for a while."

Weir Wound Up.

The Phoenix Herald says: One John Weir, claiming to be a big mine owner in Arizona, has been leading the New York papers with such boldness that a "war has resulted" over our two sets of officials; that Democratic ruffians were determined to make the life of Governor Wolfley as miserable as possible; that it was almost as much as a man's life was worth to be an active Republican in Arizona; that the majority of Democrats were of the desperado pattern, ready to shoot at the slightest provocation.

As soon as these outrageous lies came to Governor Wolfley's ears he wrote to President Harrison as follows: "EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PHOENIX, ARIZ., Sept. 26, 1889. To the President:

The enclosed clipping, purporting to be an interview had by Mr. John Weir with you, has just been brought to my attention.

Mr. Weir is a stranger to me, and in no way, shape or form authorized to speak for or represent me or my affairs. The statement purporting to have been made to you by Mr. Weir that the majority of Democrats were of the desperado pattern, ready to shoot on the slightest provocation, and that it is as much as a man's life is worth to be an active Republican," is absolutely unfounded, in fact.

The Prescott Courier of September 24th, from which I cut this clipping, very correctly stated the case.

There is no section of the United States where any one and every one is more free to state his political views, or to exercise all his political rights, than in Arizona.

Very respectfully,
LEWIS WOLFLEY,
GOVERNOR.

Trouble Between Judge Barnes and the Grand Jury.

A Tucson dispatch to the San Francisco Chronicle under date of Sept. 30th, says: There is much excitement here owing to the action of the United States Grand Jury which is investigating the Wham robbery case. The jury was brought into Court this morning and District Judge William H. Barnes asked if the jury had not sent to the Department of Justice a dispatch reflecting on the action of the Court. The foreman stated that the following dispatch had been sent:

Tucson, (A. T.), September 28, 1889. Hon. W. H. Miller, Attorney-General of the United States, Washington, D. C.—Sir: The members of the United States Grand Jury now investigating the Paymaster Wham robbery case have indicted seven of the alleged robbers. We have evidence that other persons took part in the robbery, but not yet sufficient to indict. While in the midst of our investigations, and while the suspected robbers and their relatives and friends are endeavoring to corruptly influence the Government's witnesses to withhold their testimony from this Grand Jury, one of them having already been indicted for that offense, the Judge of the district from the bench this morning, on a motion to perfect the bail of the principal defendant, in the presence of the Government's witnesses and a crowded courtroom, made some remarks evincing strong feeling between the Court and officers and witnesses.

The result of the Judge's remarks and manner will be the demoralization of the Government witnesses soon to appear before the Grand Jury, the suppression of testimony invaluable to the United States, and great damage to the interests of good government in this Territory. To avert this calamity and to serve the ends of justice we most respectfully ask that one of the other Judges be forthwith directed by telegraph to come to Tucson to preside over this court during the deliberations of this Grand Jury and the trial of this case.

C. M. Barnes, Foreman. The Court replied, in substance: "The Grand Jury is simply an investigating body and is not responsible for anything occurring in this court, and any interference by a Grand Jury with the Court, by which the Grand Jury passed a resolution criticizing the action of the Court, would in any State of the Union be regarded as a most serious contempt, and any Grand Jury that attempted to so interfere would be promptly and severely punished. I am satisfied that you, gentlemen, did not stop to think about it."

The Court entered an order discharging the jury. The investigation of the jury not being more than half completed, another jury will no doubt be called, as there are a great number of witnesses here.

The Bar Association held a meeting to-day and adopted a resolution indorsing and sustaining Judge Barnes, which was telegraphed to the department of Justice; also a long petition of citizens.

Notice to the Public.

That the public may not be deceived by false statements, I hereby give public notice that all present and current legal demands for the support of the various public institutions, including superintendents and all other employees as passed by the old or Zulick Board are, upon presentation, audited by Auditor Hughes and have been so audited since July last. When there is money in the treasury to the credit of the fund against which the warrant is drawn it is paid in cash; when there is no money the treasurer endorses the warrant and it draws interest from that date, exactly as has been done for two years past.

The cry that wheels of business are being blocked, or that there is any just cause for the depreciation in Territorial warrants, is false and done by unscrupulous persons for their own vicious ends. There is no just reason why Territorial warrants should be depreciated. The Territory received its funds in January, February and March and that has always been the season for redemption of warrants. The Territory's resources and ability to pay are better to-day than they ever were. So again I say, do not allow vicious misrepresentations to effect your judgment as to the value of your warrants. They are as good to-day as they ever were, and you will get your money just as soon as you would have done had there been no change of administration.

Respectfully,
LEWIS WOLFLEY,
GOVERNOR.

The Todd quartz mill, six miles south of town, has been running successfully for some weeks on the tailings that had accumulated under a former management. Superintendent Tilton manages to save sixteen and seventeen dollars per ton from ore that, when originally treated yielded only three or four dollars. The mill is operated night and day and a force of five men is employed. It will probably be moved three miles further south, to the foothills, and a corresponding reduction in ore and wood freight will be therefore secured.—Citizen.

There has been a crowd of people in Tucson this week from all points in southeastern Arizona. There has been probably not less than two hundred arrivals during the week ending to-day. Such a gathering at this gives an opportunity to see the class of men now living in this Territory, and their presence in any town would give the lie flat to the many hard things that have been in the past, and are now being published concerning the present population of Arizona. There was a time, when to bring two or three hundred men together in southern Arizona would have brought many hard characters, but that day is past, and crime is no more tolerated here than in other western states. The desperado has been disposed of, and the rustler has moved his abiding place. During the entire week there has not been even a police court drunk to record, and nothing has occurred to cause a ripple of excitement. Our visitors are sober, industrious and intelligent, and are but a sample of the entire population of Arizona to-day. Some of them may be rough in appearance, but they may be depended upon to speak for law and order at all times.—Citizen.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Correspondence of THE MINER.
WASHINGTON, Sep. 25, 1889.
The wanderers are nearly all home and the great houses of the northwest are again cheery with bottle and life. Along the avenues the equipages of the fashionable roll, and in the parks the nurse girls are once more on hand with their pretty infants, children bow with the tan of sea and mountains. There is however one notable wanderer who does not come back, and he is President Harrison. That he makes a mistake in junketing around the country and carrying the capital in his coat tail pocket, his enemies insist. The talk of his chumming at Deer Park with Steve Elkins, Davis and Camden and of Windom's influence will not soon die out. President Harrison might have selected a better summering point than Deer Park, the summer home of the most notorious political brigade in the country, a triumvirate that represents Wall street in its most vicious aspects.

This intimacy has been of the closest character. Even the children are tangled up in it. The daily paper informs us that young Blaine Elkins gives a swell party at which Baby McKee is the honored guest, and these august infants pledge each other eternal friendship. And this precious action of the Elkins tribe undoubtedly swells the head of the young McKee while a more experienced Elkins swells the skull of the Baby's grandfather on the front porch. The President might do worse than come home and take up the burden of state again. It is not too warm to sleep in the White House now and the cold nights have killed the mosquitoes.

If the President were here he might have a better opportunity to consult with the leaders as to a successor to Corporal Tanner as Commissioner of Penitents. He felt it necessary to come here to secure the Corporal's resignation, but allowed his haste to get the better of him in supposing that Ex-Representative Warner would jump at the appointment. It is most likely that General Warner will not accept the office at all, although the President sticks to the idea of his acceptance with all the tenacity of a man who has once solved a problem to his own satisfaction and cannot get the result verified.

(Geo. S. Merrill, of Massachusetts, would doubtless be willing to accept the position, but in stating an interview for publication that a man must be selected for the position who is "not committed to service pensions" he killed his chances, unless he can explain the language satisfactory. Anyone who wants to be a Commissioner of Penitents should avoid a newspaper reporter as he would the plague, for the administration has not yet determined upon its pension policy and may not until well along in the next Congressional session. In the meantime, silence is insisted upon.

We have the notable example of Mr. Hiram Smith, deputy commissioner of pensions. No sooner was Corporal Tanner bounced and the charge of the Bureau given him pending the appointment of a successor, than the deputy Smith swelled up with importance. He at once, under a mistaken notion that the administration would be pleased with the general reversal of all of Tanner's plans, rescinded several orders that had been promulgated by the Corporal. On last Wednesday Secretary Noble sat upon Smith with a dull, sickening thud and he has not been heard to utter a sound since. His indifference, together with the fact that he had his own pension re-rated during the whole sale grab by the Pension office clique of clerks, will doubtless cause his removal. In the tender and expressive language of the street Mr. Smith has been "fresh."

The sheep who wait until their leader goes through the gap in the fence are not such fools as they look. If Corporal Tanner had waited to see what his leader intended to do he would be in the Pension office yet, and if Mr. Smith had not blindly started in for himself he would not be so chop-fallen this evening.

Frank G. Carpenter, the well known newspaper correspondent, has returned from his trip around the world and settled down to the season's grind. Mr. Carpenter left in September last for Japan and went thence to all the oriental countries. He had with him a photograph outfit, a typewriter and his wife to operate the typewriter. The amount of work he supplies to a syndicate during the trip and the amount he brings back are tremendous. I firmly believe that Mr. Carpenter would contract to write a history of the moon in thirty days. He would doubtless draw on his imagination for his facts but the supply of "copy" would be inexhaustible.

All preparations for the convulse of Knight's Templars are being carried on the most extensive scale. The final arrangements are being perfected and all will be in readiness in good time. Additional notifications from commanders that have not heretofore signified their desire to be present at the convulse are being received daily, but no fear of exhausting the accommodations of the city is feared by the committee of arrangements.

E. L. Wetmore has the faculty of collecting attractions. His last is that of an old scorpion with her brood of young ones. The point of interest is the fact that the brood are actually feeding and subsisting on the vitals of the parent scorpion. They are devouring her, the point of attack being on the back, which is more than half consumed, and the old martyr to her young still lives. Those who have made close observations of the habits of the scorpion say that the young always thus devour their parent, unless she can turn the tables and devour her young, which is not unusual. The illustration which is in Mr. Wetmore's possession seem to indicate that the youngsters have a sure thing in their old parent, and she seems as resigned to her fate, like some old decrepit fathers and mothers who are stripped of their last penny by their children, leaving them candidates for the cold charities of the world, or the grave. There is a lesson to be learned even from this poisonous insect.—Tucson Star.

TERRITORIAL ITEMS.

A Cochise county man has just marketed his first crop of almonds.

The Treasurer's books of Cochise county are being examined by an expert.

One thousand head of beef cattle will be shipped from Benson to California this week.

Jacob M. Copes has been appointed postmaster at Phoenix, vice W. W. Hall resigned.

The Solomonville Bulletin says that a good many find proofs are being made on land in Graham county.

The Prescott & Arizona railroad has all its engines in the ditch and has borrowed others from the A. & P.

C. L. Mosher recently editor of the defunct Arizonian is now a reporter on the San Francisco Chronicle.

Albert Franklin Banta, of St. Johns, claims to be the first printer who set type on an Arizona newspaper—the Minner—in March, 1864.

Pinal county offers for sale court house bonds to the amount of \$30,000. The bonds draw interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum and are redeemable in twenty-five years.

There are, according to the census taken this year by the school marshals, says the Prescott Courier, 12,976 children in Arizona of school age, between the ages of 6 and 18. Of this number Apache county has 1,264; Cochise, 1,263; Gila, 424; Graham, 1,519; Mohave, 219; Maricopa, 2,806; Pima, 2,735; Pinal, 1,057; Yavapai, 1,316; Yuma, 547.

The preliminary examination of Geo. Young, who is charged with the murder of C. W. Beach, came off in Prescott last week. Seven or eight witnesses were examined, but failed to elicit testimony connecting him with the crime. He was therefore admitted to bail in the sum of \$500 to appear before the grand jury. The bail was furnished and Young was released.

The Casa Grande correspondent of the Florence Enterprise says: The town was visited by swarms of crickets on the 20th. Lamps in several places were extinguished by their falling down the chimneys. They could be gathered up in the streets and sidewalks by the handful. In the day time they disappeared. It is thought they came down in the rain storm that occurred that evening.

There is a proposition on foot to select a reservation for southern negroes, somewhere in the southwest. If Arizona would speak quickly she might get it. An Apache reservation, a negro reservation and a good sized Chinese reservation all within the borders of our Territory would make things quite lively in our Territory. We could apply for admission then sure enough.—Prospector.

Col. Levi Ruggles died at his home in Florence on the 25th of last month. He was a native of Ohio, and was sixty-five years of age at the time of his death. During the war he served in the volunteers as Assistant Quartermaster, with the rank of Major. He came to Arizona in 1866 as Indian agent for the Pima and afterwards was appointed Register of the U. S. land office. He served as Probate Judge for several terms and also represented Pinal county in the legislature two terms.

The St. Johns Herald protests against the action of the Territorial Board of Equalization in raising the assessment on cattle in Apache county from \$5.50 to \$12.50 per head. The Herald is right, as there is doubtless not a head of cattle in that county that could be sold for \$12.50 per head to-day. Why the Territorial equalizers should discriminate against this, the leading industry of Arizona, is beyond our ken. The next legislature of the Territory would, we believe, be doing a wise thing if it would wipe out the Territorial Board of Equalization, which has proved itself to be neither ornamental nor useful.—Champion.

Wednesday night snow fell on the Dragones and Huachuca and yesterday afternoon another snow storm visited the Huachuca, whitening them from about half way up to the top. The storm ceased last night but the atmosphere remained extremely chilly for this time of the year, the thermometer at 1 o'clock registering 41°. Old-timers are completely nonplussed and declare that such a state of weather was never known in Arizona before. The clerk of the weather has evidently become disgusted with the anti-statured fossils and turned Arizona over to some giddy angel who is new at the business.—Tombstone Epitaph.

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